Boston, April 13. 1858.—

Dear friend Webb—

It is always a pleasure, and my spirits are exhilarated, to see your hand-writing on a fresh letter, & such a pleasure I had yesterday,— receiving yours of March 26th.— Also, the Advocate came to hand, and a very excellent & spicy number it is. I learned more of Mrs. Chapman's ideas in regard to future operations, from it, than I knew before from her own lips, or any other source.— And in your own article, it seems to me you have said precisely the right thing. I am glad you encourage the keeping up of the A.S. organization in G. Britain, and that there is a prospect that the usual A.S. work will be done, this year as years before. And I find, since writing to you before, after conferring with quite a number of our friends, that the prevailing opinion is against attempting to hold an Anti-Slavery Bazaar in Boston next winter. 1. It could be done only with divided forces,— in itself an obstacle & evil of no small amount,— and particularly disagreeable & unwelcome among those who, heretofore and always, have worked together with the greatest harmony. 2. It is thought by our best & wisest friends that Mrs. Chapman should, in existing circumstances, be allowed to carry out her idea and test her plan, without any obstruction certainly from any of us, if we cannot help much. None would, or could, for a moment wish to put the slightest impediment in her way; and it seems to us now quite clear that an effort to raise money, next Christmas, by means of a Bazaar, would interfere with Mrs. C.'s plans, particularly by distracting the attentions & efforts of those working to the same end.

Whatever her plan is, and I do not profess to know thoroughly what it is, it is clearly best that she should have the widest & clearest field in which to develope and try it. She is already quite busily at work, and it remains to be seen what success shall crown her labours. She is eminently energetic and executive, aims high, sets a high standard before her, and works with a most vigorous perseverance to accomplish her aim.

I am bound however to add that she stands almost (not absolutely) alone in her position, that the Bazaar is worn-out, useless, injurious. It is the prevailing belief that, in two years, if not in one, we shall have to fall back on the poor, discarded Bazaar. Meantime, nothing could be devised better for our Society, or more agreeable to ourselves individually, than to have the British and Irish contributions, which have formerly come to Boston, go hereafter to Philadelphia. The market there is by no means so good as that in Boston; but the Boston and Newengland abolitionists will undoubtedly furnish some buyers, even at a Philadelphia Fair; and special efforts will be made to draw public attention and a good company to it. —

Such is the best conclusion to which we can come, and as it so exactly tallies with the course marked out by the Advocate, we are disposed to think it sound. Of course, the above is not for publication; but it is what I should like to say, by this mail, to Miss Wigham and Miss Estlin, if I had time; — but I have not; — and I shall therefore trust that you will let them know where we stand. — It is very pleasant to think of these two ladies being

in Dublin, and very pleasant to you all it must be to be thus enjoying each other's society. Our American affairs will not be forgotten, at your social meetings, I am sure.

Parker Pillsbury, after a pretty severe illness of some six weeks, returned to his home in New Hampshire about ten days ago. He found his daughter Helen just recovered from the measles, which she had had favourably, while he was ill in Boston. He had scarcely got established at home, when the child was attacked with Scarlatina, and had it very severely; so much so that, four days ago, he thought they would lose her. But yesterday the accounts were more favourable. Father, mother, & daughter have had, in the past five or six years, a very large experience of illness, and wretched health. The parents are now much worn, with the care of the child in her two last attacks. — Garrison's health is improving. H. C. Wright has just arrived from Maine.

You are right in what you say of A. M. Powell the Athen, about the Rochester Certificates; and I said the same thing to them, quite as strongly, many weeks since. You have done the honorable thing in the Advocate; and this thing has at least been shewn, viz. that J. G. has had a considerable pecuniary stake in F. D.'s business success. — I felt from the beginning that it was beneath us to touch the subject; but you should have been better sustained, from this side, — that is clear, — by those who wished any thing at all said.

We are all sorry to hear this morning that our ally H. R. Helper author of "the Impending Crisis" has been getting

into a fracas in Washington with one of the
North Carolina members of Congress. As yet we
have few particulars; but it is said that Helper
went to this Mr. Craige, and called on him for an
explanation of some offensive language he had used
about H. and his book, — that Craige called him
a puppy, — that Helper resented this, and
struck Craige, who returned the blow, and a severe
fight followed, until they were forcibly separated.
The mail, which takes this from New York tomorrow,
will take perhaps a more correct version of the affair.

I will send the "El. British", from Mrs. Jacob
to Mr. Bailey.

I had hoped to send you a fuller letter to-day.
but this must go, or none; and, as I wish you
to know the minds of the friends here, about the
Bazaar, I think it best to dispatch this just as
it is. With sincerest regards to Mrs. Webb, to
Miss Esther, and Miss Wigham if still with you,
and to all whom I may venture to name as friends
Dublin, I am, Ever truly Yours
Samuel May Jr

We think the Standard doesn't fall off an
our annual Meeting in New York comes in one
month.

The friend, by whom I sent some Photographs
to you, has not yet left New York — is detained
thus by illness, & by other causes I believe &
expects to sail in course of the month.